



**APPROVED
SUMMARIZED MINUTES**

**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018
CITY HALL – KIVA CONFERENCE ROOM
3939 N. DRINKWATER BOULEVARD
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85251**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bretz called the Study Session of the Scottsdale Transportation Commission to order at 5:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Don Anderson, Commissioner
Gary Bretz, Chair
George Ertel, Commissioner
Barry Graham, Vice-Chair
Renee Higgs, Commissioner
Pamela Iacovo, Commissioner

ABSENT: Michael Kuzel, Commissioner

STAFF: Paul Basha, Transportation Director
Frances Cookson, Staff Representative
Lisa Johnson, Transportation Planning and Transit Operations Manager
Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner

REVIEW OF TONIGHT'S REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
Study Session of the Transportation Commission – February 15, 2018
Regular Meeting of the Transportation Commission – February 15, 2018

No edits were suggested to the Study Session and Regular meeting minutes of February 15, 2018

- **Bus Stop Procedures – Flag Stops**

Mr. Basha noted this item is at the request of the commission. We have a policy for No flag stops and in past we did have a policy of Flag Stops at bus driver's discretion. Mr. Basha explained that a flag stop is when a rider on the bus is asking the driver to stop at a non-designated bus stop or person on side of the road. Ms. Johnson mentioned that her presentation will show what other member agencies for the regional transit system do and safety concerns. A discussion was held on what other local cities allow, neighborhood routes, helps people with disabilities and general procedures.

- **Roundabouts**

Mr. Basha noted this item is at the request of a commissioner. Periodically, we give presentations on roundabouts, since they are relatively new to the city. Most of the commission have not seen this presentation, there will be some traffic data from Scottsdale, and public opinion data from national sources. A discussion was held on the new data and stats from one of the newer roundabouts (Hayden Northsight Roundabout), and how statistics may be skewed from the time data is collected to the time of use.

- **Capital Improvement Plan Project Prioritization**

Mr. Basha noted this item is at the request of a commissioner, as an action item. The concern is whether 126th and Via Linda and 128th St and Via Linda should be in the next 5-year plan. A brief discussion was held on what voting on; Mr. Basha advised the vote will be whether the commission should send a letter to City Council recommending these two projects be removed from the next 5-year plan.

- **Other Transportation Projects and Program Status**

Mr. Basha noted we have a few; about half a dozen to dozen slides, four different topics and will be providing the latest ideas for new Bus and Trolley Routes, taking into consideration what the commission said last month.

Commissioner looking forward to next months item on Signalization. A brief discussion was held on lagging-left turn, lead-lag turn, signal timing and how other cities signals operate. Mr. Basha advised commission there will be two presentations; The first presentation will be Andy Merkley whose presentation will be on the generalized benefits of lagging-left turn arrows. The second presentation will be Leslie Bubke. She's responsible for signal timing and will explain reasons for lead-lag timing and she has data showing that lead-lag timing is superior, compared to the previous signal timing. Mr. Basha noted that Leslie Bubke works for the Public Works Department. A brief discussion was held on other cities signalization.

- **Commission Identification of Future Agenda Items**

Mr. Basha noted that we intend to have another item presenting on proposed bus and Trolley Routes, that will be for action.

Commissioner questioned about sidewalk widths, which was a survey received on the NextDoor app.

- **Announcements**

Mr. Basha explained he needs to really emphasis public Open Meeting Laws. Mr. Basha noted that a commissioner sent a draft of a letter to all the commissioners, that's a potential violation of the State's Open Meeting Laws. Mr. Basha reviewed the State's Open Meeting Laws.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Chair Bretz adjourned the Study Session at 5:50 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Frances Cookson

Transportation Coordinator

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